

POOR ROBIN, 1698.

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Of the Old and New Fashion :

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EPHEMERIS both in Jet and Earrell,  
wherein the Reader may see (what he he willfully  
mind and will not see) many remarkable things for  
Information worthy of due Consideration.

Containing a Two-fold Calendar,

The Julian, English, or Old Account, and the  
Round-heads, Whimzey-heads, Maggot-heads, Pa-  
per-scul'd, Fanaticks, or new Account, with their  
several Saints-Days, and Observations upon every  
Month.

Being the second after the Bissextile, or Leap-Year.

Written by POOR ROBIN, Knight of the  
Burnt-Island, a Well-wisher to the Mathematicks.

The Thirty Sixth Impression.

Reader, this is the Six and Thirtieth Year,  
Since first our Book did to the World appear,  
And is continu'd still, for now will blame us,  
That thus thereby our Name's grown very famous;  
But yet to tell you true (I know how it is)  
The chiefest thing is to get Money by it.



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To any Reader, he or she  
It makes no matter who they be.

**F**OR if they do but buy the Book, and pay for it, who  
matter who they be that buy it, a Knave's Sixpence  
will go as currantly as an honest Man's, and that (being  
bound) is the Price of our Book; you marry and  
worth it too, it being as full of Mirth as an Egg is  
of Meat, or a Horse-Courser of Knavery. For you  
will find both Rhime and Reason, and Reason with  
Rhime, and Rhime without Reason; it being composed  
of Whimsies, Jmcracks, and Stories, all of them very  
lightful and profitable; and if this be not enough for Six-  
pence, then I think you are an unreasonable Creature. In  
sides, I should have told you (but it is no matter, since  
I tell it you now) that here is contained a Description  
the Eclipses which will happen this Year, the Changes  
the Moon, the Moon's place in the Zodiack, and in what  
Month each Holy-Day doth fall, as in any Almanack  
them all; also an Account of the four Quarters of  
Year, with a very merry Scheme, whereby may be  
dioted there is no Man knows what, with Variety of  
Matters, which when you have read the Book over,  
will know as well as my self.

Then read and laugh, and then forbear a while,  
Read on and laugh, and laugh, and read, and smile;  
It is an Antidote 'gainst Melancholy,  
A Poë to Sadness, and the Scourge of Folly.

— Your Annual Star-Gazer,

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# The Regal TABLE.

Kings and Queens.	Born anno.	Began to Reign	Reigned	Since they Reigned.	Barred
William	11003	1066 Oct. 14	10 21 22	642 Sept. 9	Can Norman.
William	11057	1087 Sept. 9	12 11 18	529 Aug.	Winchester
Henry	11068	1100 Aug. 23	35 4 11	564 Dec. 2	Reading
Stephen	11105	1135 Dec. 1	18 11 18	543 Oct. 25	Feverham
Henry	11132	1154 Oct. 25	14 9 2	530 July 6	Fonteverard
Richard	11155	1189 July 6	9 9 2	500 April 9	Fonteverard
John	11165	1199 April 9	17 7 0	487 Oct. 19	Worcester
Henry	11207	1216 Oct. 19	16 0 1	427 Nov. 16	Westminster
Richard	11239	1272 Nov. 16	34 8 6	393 July 7	Westminster
Edward	11283	1307 July 7	19 7 5	373 Jan. 25	Gloucester
Edward	11312	1326 Jan. 25	30 5 7	382 June 21	Westminster
Richard	11366	1377 June 21	23 9 14	300 Sept. 29	Westminster
Henry	11367	1399 Sept. 29	13 6 3	286 Mar. 20	Canterbury
Henry	11384	1412 Mar. 20	9 5 24	277 Aug. 31	Westminster
Henry	11421	1422 Aug. 31	38 6 16	240 Mar. 4	Windfor
Edward	11442	1460 Mar. 4	22 1 8	216 April 9	Winchester
Edward	11471	1483 April 9	0 2 18	216 June 22	Ne known
Richard	11478	1483 June 22	2 2 5	213 Aug. 22	Leicester
Henry	11455	1485 Aug. 22	23 10 24	190 April 21	Westminster
Henry	11491	1509 April 21	37 10 2	150 June 28	Windfor
Edward	11537	1546 Jan. 28	6 5 8	144 July 6	Westminster
Mary	11516	1553 July 16	3 4 11	140 Nov. 17	Westminster
Elizabeth	11535	1558 Nov. 17	44 4 7	96 Mar. 24	Westminster
James	11566	1602 Mar. 24	22 0 3	73 March 27	Westminster
Charles	11600	1625 Mar. 27	23 10 3	40 Jan. 30	Windfor
Charles	11630	1648 Jan. 30	36 0 7	13 Feb. 6	Westminster
James	11633	1684 Feb. 6	3 9 0	Abdicated in December, 1688.	
William	11650	1689 Feb. 13		whom God grant long to Reign.	
Mary	11662				

Curst were those times which taught such direful things,  
 As Sacrilege, and murdering of Kings:  
 May Halsters be their Lot, for they can season  
 Such restless Minds from committing of Treason.  
 Nor is't but fit they should be treated thus,  
 Who (were it in their power) would so treat us.

# A TABLE of Interest at 6 per Cent.

	1 Month.			3 Months			6 Months			9 Months			1 Year.		
	lh.	p.	q.	lh.	p.	q.	lh.	p.	q.	lh.	p.	q.	lh.	p.	q.
Shill.	5	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	3	0	2	2	0	1
	10	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	1
	15	0	0	3	0	2	2	0	5	1	0	8	2	0	10
Pounds.	1	0	1	0	0	3	2	0	7	0	0	10	2	1	2
	2	0	2	1	0	7	0	1	2	1	1	9	1	2	4
	3	0	3	2	0	10	2	1	9	1	2	7	3	3	6
	4	0	4	3	1	2	1	2	4	2	3	6	3	4	8
	5	0	5	4	1	6	0	3	0	0	4	6	0	6	0
	6	0	7	0	1	9	2	3	7	0	5	4	2	7	2
	7	0	8	1	2	1	0	4	2	1	6	3	1	8	4
	8	0	9	2	2	4	2	4	9	1	7	1	3	9	6
	9	0	10	3	2	8	1	5	4	2	8	0	3	10	8
Tens of Pounds.	po.			sh.			p.			po.			sh.		
	10	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	6	0	0	9	0	0	12
	20	0	2	0	0	6	0	0	12	0	0	18	0	1	4
	30	0	3	0	0	9	0	0	18	0	1	7	0	1	10
	40	0	4	0	0	12	0	1	4	0	1	16	0	2	8
	50	0	5	0	0	15	0	1	10	0	2	5	0	3	0
	60	0	6	0	0	18	0	1	16	0	2	14	0	3	12
	70	0	7	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	3	3	0	4	4
	80	0	8	0	1	4	0	2	8	0	3	12	0	4	16
	90	0	9	0	1	7	0	2	14	0	4	1	0	5	8
	100	0	10	0	1	10	0	3	0	0	4	10	0	6	0

Few Usurers to Heaven do go, for why,  
 They leave off to be Usurers when they die;  
 And if on Earth they do a Conscience make,  
 And but bare Six Pounds in a Hundred take,  
 I see no Reason but a Usurer may  
 As well go unto Heaven as those say may;  
 For 'tis not simple Interest, but Extortion  
 Which causeth Hell to be the Usurers Portion.



**A TABLE** shewing how many Years Purchase a Lease or Annuity to endure for any Number of Years under 30, is worth presently, at Interest upon Interest, at Six in the Hundred, and shewing also how to discount any Lease in being, and the true Value of the Reversion after any Number of Years.

The Use and Explanation of the TABLE.				Years of a Lease.	Years.	Months.	Dec. Parts.
Years.	Months.	Dec. Parts.	The first Column on the Left Hand sheweth the Years of a Lease, or Annuity, and right against each Year, are the Years, Months, and Decimal Parts of a Month's Purchase that such a Lease or Annuity is worth.				
0	11	0		16	10	1	3
1	9	9		17	10	5	8
2	8	1		18	10	9	9
3	5	9		19	11	1	3
4	2	5		20	11	5	7
5	4	11		21	11	9	3
6	4	0		22	12	0	5
7	5	7		23	12	3	6
8	6	2		24	12	6	2
9	6	9		25	12	9	4
10	7	4		26	13	0	0
11	7	10		27	13	2	5
12	8	4		28	13	4	9
13	8	10		29	13	7	1
14	9	3		30	13	9	2
15	9	8					

**Example.**

Suppose a Lease or Annuity to continue 18 Years, and you would know how many Years Purchase it is worth in ready Money, look in the Column of the Years of a Lease for 18 Years, and against the same you shall find 10, 9, 9, which shews such a Lease to be worth 10 Years, 9 Months, and 9 tenth parts of a Month's Purchase.

But if you buy the Reversion of a Lease now, as suppose a Lease of 20 Years Commence, and you commence not till 5 Years be past, in this and such like case, look for the present worth of the Lease, as this of 20 Years which will be found worth 24 Years, 5 Months, 7 tenth parts of a Month's Purchase; then look for the present worth of a Lease of 5 Years, which will be found worth 7 Years, 6 Months, 5 tenth parts; take this out of 24, 5, 7, and there remains 17, 11, 2, which is, 17 Years, 11 Months, and 2 tenth parts of a Month's Purchase.

*This Table is of little Use to me,  
For I no Purchaser shall ever be;  
We have I neither any Lease to sell,  
Then let it serve for others, 'tis as well.*



## A brief Chronology of other things.

- Since *T. H.* lost all his money at Cards, but (marvellous  
 luckily) saved himself : 5  
 the Men of *Gorbam* went about to hedge in the Cuckow, 349  
 the Felon told the Miller of *H.* — who called him Thief,  
 that though he were a Thief, yet it did not become a Miller  
 to call him so, 2  
 Mrs. *A. B.* took her Husband kissing his Maid in the  
 Gales Pen, and being asked how she came to look for him  
 here, she replied that she had been often kissed by her Man  
*Richard* in that place her self, 3  
 Half one of the Successors of *Mahomet* (as the *Saracens*  
 call) killed Ten Thousand Christians with one blow of  
 his Sword, which they say was an Hundred Cubits long, 68  
 a Splitter of Causes being told that his Client's Adver-  
 sary had removed his Cause into another Court, he replied,  
 let him remove it to the Devil if he will, I'll follow it, 12  
 the Rump voted down *Christmas*, having found so many  
 of their Acts under *Christmas-pies*, 48  
*Christmas* fell sick of a Consumption, 8  
*Christmas* gave up the Ghost, 1  
*Christmas* was buried, and the Poor went in Mourning  
 for it, 2  
 Mr. *H. L.* Churchwarden of *L.* instead of going to the Ta-  
 vern on a *Saturday* to buy Wine for the Communion, went  
 to the Market-Town on the *Sunday* to buy Meat for the  
 Family. Captain *Drake* sailing round about the World,  
 though a careful Observer of time, yet lost one Day in  
 the Year : But this Churchwarden being a careless Observer  
 of time, lost one Day in a Week. 13

January

# January hath xxxi days.

New Moon 2 day, 48 minutes past 3 in the Morning.  
 First Quarter 9 day, 24 minutes past 9 in the forenoon.  
 Full Moon 16 day, 7 minutes past 7 in the morning.  
 Last quarter 24 day, 26 minutes past 3 in the morning.

1	<b>B</b>	New-years day	knees
2	<b>B</b>	2 after Christ.	knees
3	<b>C</b>	Oct. John	legs
4	<b>D</b>	Oct. Innocents	legs
5	<b>E</b>	Simeon	feet
6	<b>F</b>	Twelfth-day	feet
7	<b>G</b>	Ced. B. London	head
8	<b>A</b>	Lucian	head
9	<b>B</b>	1 after Epiph.	neck
10	<b>C</b>	Sun in Aqua.	neck
11	<b>D</b>	W. L. B. C. m.	arms
12	<b>E</b>	Satyrus	and
13	<b>F</b>	Hilary Bish.	should
14	<b>G</b>	Felicia	breast
15	<b>A</b>	Mauritius	breast
16	<b>B</b>	2 after Epiph.	heart
17	<b>C</b>	Anthony Ab.	heart
18	<b>D</b>	Prisca virg.	bowels
19	<b>E</b>	Wolstan	bowels
20	<b>F</b>	Sebastian	reins
21	<b>G</b>	Agnes virg.	and
22	<b>A</b>	Vincent	loins
23	<b>B</b>	3 after Epiph.	secrets
24	<b>C</b>	Term begins	secrets
25	<b>D</b>	Conv. St. Paul	thighs
26	<b>E</b>	Polycarpus	and
27	<b>F</b>	Christopher	hips
28	<b>G</b>	Carol. Mag.	knees
29	<b>A</b>	Theodore	knees
30	<b>B</b>	Charles I. m.	legs
31	<b>C</b>	Cyriacus	legs

Jan. 1. and 2. 1644.

My Maie of *Warham* first must see,  
 Who shut *Hull* gates against the King,  
 By which Rebellion first began,  
 Who lost his head, as did his Son,  
 " Who lift their hands 'gainst God's name  
 " Are off unto dire Deaths appointed.

Jan. 1. 1650.

King *Charles* the second likewise then  
 Was crowned King of *Scotish-men*.

Jan. 6. 1670.

Great General *Moor* the sixth did lie,  
 His Dutches followed presently.

Jan. 10. 1644.

The Reverend, Pious Bishop *Lowe*,  
 Whole learning each Age will applaud,  
 Wild, frantic Zeal to Death did bring  
 For's Loyalty unto his King.

1660.

*Tom Vener* now did rise in Arms,  
 And put the City to alarms:  
 Much trouble did this Varlet raise,  
 At last a Halter ends his Days.

1661.

*Murfon, Mildmay, Wallips*, all three,  
 In State did tread the triple Tree.

Jan. 30. 1648.

By formal Justice, Traytors they  
 Murder'd the King the thirtieth Day,  
 And that Day Twelve-month, that lewd  
 Alderman *Hoyle*, did hang himself.

# Observations on January.

Now a warm Bed-fellow does very well,  
And those have Trading who good Ale do sell;  
Men wrap themselves in Cloaths to keep them warm,  
And Clients provide Money against Term.

Men and their wives	8	8	3	52	
lie arm in arm,	8	6	3	54	The Stars seem to prop-
all out for Love,	8	4	3	56	ostigate much Discord and
to keep them warm.	8	3	3	57	Wrangling betwixt disagree-
Half-nos'd Peg.	8	2	3	58	ing Couples, old warring for
Magazine Garland	8	c	4		the Mastery, and huffing
Quizman	7	5	4		for the Breeches; the law-
Who rides an Ass	7	5	4		band barking at the Wife,
must patient be,	7	5	4		the snapping at him; the
better ride Ass	7	5	4		breaks his Wine-glass; he
than Ass ride thee.	7	5	4		her Looking-glass; she puts
Tom Vener	7	5	4		away his Servants, he turns
Roger Hodgkins	7	4	4		away hers; she locks her
Giles Pritchard	7	4	4		Chamber-door; he bolts his;
if thou art minded	7	4	4		what illac can be expected
for to wed,	7	4	4		from such Marriages, but a
Let this Advice	7	4	4		Generation of wild Cats, Old
run in thy head;	7	4	4		men that shall waw, waw,
Tho' Love far better	7	3	4		scratch their Nuries, and be
be than Gold,	7	3	4		drunk with their Sucking-
Get Coin with Love	7	3	4		bottles, for such is the in-
'will better hold.	7	3	4		iquiry of the times, that if a
Leonard Gowles	7	3	4		Wench have store of Money,
Hobbadeboody	7	3	4		she shall not need to fear a
There's none who do	7	2	4		Husband, although she be a
so swell in Pride	7	2	4		ching made up of Chippings,
As Beggars that	7	2	4		broken beer, Candles ends,
on Cattle-horse ride.	7	2	4		and firing of Sea-coal
Tar	7	2	4		
Alderman Hoyle	7	2	4		
Bubbling Beatrice	7	1	4		



# February hath xxvii. days.

New Moon the first day, 16 minutes past 1 in the Morning.  
 First Quarter the 7 day, 22 minutes past 4 in the afternoon.  
 Full Moon the 14 day, 22 minutes past 10 at night.  
 Last Quarter the 22 day, 33 minutes past 11 at night.

M	D	Saints-days	Signs.	Chronological Notes.
	1	Bridget (Fast)	feet	<i>Feb. 6. 1685.</i> Now Charles the Second he did die, Whose Death made England free, King James succeeding, reign'd a Year, Then in a mist he disappears.
	2	Candelmas	feet	
	3	Blaise	feet	
	4	Veronica	head	
	5	Agatha	head	
	6	After Epiph.	neck	<i>Feb. 13. 1688.</i> King William and Queen Mary, So many dangers did pass through, To free's from Popish Tyranny Proclaim'd with great Solemnity.
	7	Zacharias	neck	
	8	St. in Elces	arms	
	9	Apollonia	arms	
	10	Thelastica	breast	
	11	Macchonna	breast	<i>Feb. 18. 1681.</i> Prodigious wind, which blustering down, Blew Chimneys down, and Trees up, Barns and Out-houses flat were laid, And every where was havoc made.
	12	Term ends	heart	
	13	After Epiph.	heart	
	14	Valentine	bowels	
	15	Pauline	and	
	16	Julian Virg.	belly	<i>1682.</i> Old Nell a Junco did comment, Or little Kiding Parliament, Who to an Order did agree, Marriage by Justice should be. O Heavens! to see the wit of men, What fine new knick knacks were done.
	17	Discord.	reins	
	18	Concordia	reins	
	19	Sabine	secrets	
	20	Septagesima	secrets	
	21	69 Martyrs	secrets	
	22	Peters Chair	thighs	
	23	Polycarp (Fast)	thighs	<i>Feb. 21. 1659.</i> Ask to the matter brought about, Those members who were forced out From sitting in the Parliament, He caused so that in they went, Who put an end to the Rump's Reign, And brought home Charles our King again.
	24	St. Matthias	knees	
	25	Victorine	knees	
	26	Nestor	knees	
	27	Sexagesima	legs	
	28	Roman	legs	



# Observations on February.

The Chimney-corner and a Pot of Ale,  
Are things which still this Month do never fail;  
Now Warming-pans, and Toasting-irons are  
In great Request, and Legs of Pork good Fare.

Sinners.	Sun. r.	Sun. f.	Astrological Predictions.
Samaris Page	7 16 3	44	
Harry Martin	7 14 4	43	Some Men shall do such
A Cup of Ale,	7 12 4	48	Actions this Month as shall
and a good fire,	7 10 4	50	deserve hanging; for such
Are things which Peo-	7 8 4	52	the Gallows does well; and
still desire. (ple	7 6 4	54	how does the Gallows do
And he who hath	7 4 4	56	well? why, so such as do it;
got store of Corn,	7 2 4	58	but hang such Penny-pot
May on roast meat	7 0 4	60	Pots, such pecking Thieves,
burn for and dine.	8 58 5	2	as hung Men twice in their
Hannum.	8 56 5	4	balderdash Rumes. Non
De Vall	8 54 5	6	a Turred Gown, a white
Now Dick for Malen-	8 52 5	8	bedfellow, a heavy Parle,
tine draws Kate,	8 50 5	10	and a Glass of good old
And every Bird	8 48 5	12	Mango with a Toast, are
both cluck and cluck	8 46 5	14	four very comfortable
Lawyer's seven home	8 44 5	16	things. It is better this
with full purses,	8 42 5	18	Month, nay in any of the
and some I fear	8 40 5	20	other eleven, to receive a
with Clients curses.	8 38 5	22	Hundred Pounds of one's
Joan Cromwell	8 36 5	24	own Money, than to go to
German Princess	8 34 5	26	Prison, for another Man's
Curry Jack	8 32 5	28	Debt. Though there be no
Shine something more	8 30 5	30	Shine Tuesday this Month,
things named,	8 28 5	32	yet if any man have a mind
Than only four	8 26 5	34	to it, he may venture to
bare Legs in Bed.	8 24 5	36	eat Pancakes and Prunes
From the Tapster	8 22 5	38	for all that.

# March hath xxxi days.

New Moon the 2 day, 34 minutes past 5 in the afternoon  
 First Quarter the 8 Day 4 minutes past 12 at night.  
 Full Moon the 16 day, 18 minutes past 4 in the afternoon.  
 Last Quarter the 24 day, 20 minutes past 5 afternoon.  
 New Moon the 31 day 13 minutes past 8 at night.

1	D	David Bishop	feet	1650.
2	E	Chad Bishop	feet	
3	F	Cunigunda	head	Sir Henry Hyde for the King's Cause, Did lose his Head by Rebels Law.
4	G	Sir H. Hyde m.	head	
5	H	Eusebius	neck	March 4. 1643.
6	I	Shrove-Sunday	neck	Lord Brook who hoped for to see Cathedrals should all level'd be, From a Cathedral had a Shot in's Eye, by which his Death he got.
7	L	Perpetua	arms	
8	M	Shrove-Tuesd.	arms	
9	N	Ast-Wednesday	breast	March 9. 1648.
10	O	Sun in Aries	breast	
11	P	Cunibert	heart	Lord Capel that renowned Peer, True to his King, to's Country dear, The Honour of his Family, By Rebels murdering Hands did die, Holland and Hamilton that time Did suffer for Loyalties Crime.
12	Q	Gregory P. C.	and	
13	R	Quadragesima	back	
14	S	Candide	bowels	1651.
15	T	Longine	bowels	
16	U	Boniface	reins	
17	V	Gertrude	and	Now Southwell Castle, a strong place By Sir John Basil delivered was To the King's Party, for which Deal Under the Scaffold he did bleed. Thus when Rebels do ride pick and Then Loyalty does go to wrack.
18	W	Edward K. m.	loins	
19	X	Joseph	secrets	1656.
20	Y	2 Sund. in Lent	secrets	
21	Z	Benedict	thighs	
22	A	Paulinus	and	
23	B	Theodore	hips	
24	C	Quirin fast	knees	A monstrous Plot was then found on Against full Cromwell's Henry son, For which Miles Sindercomb was led To the Tower, and there through pain A Stake being driven through his side For being Traytor to a King— For him was without more ado, The greater Traytor of the two.
25	D	Lady-day	knees	
26	E	Gastor	legs	
27	F	3 Sund. in Lent	legs	
28	G	Dorothy	feet	
29	H	Eustace	feet	
30	I	Guido	head	
31	L	Adelme	head	

# Observations on March.

Many with such an Itching now are sped,  
(Perfooth) they out of hand must needs be wed,  
But have a care of light-heel'd Tits, for know  
Who such do wed, must dwell in Cuckolds-Row.

1	Tally's Day,	5	19	5	41	
2	and for that reason	6	17	5	43	Now Men drink high in
3	Green Locks, they say,	6	15	5	45	Taverns, but have a care you
4	are now in season.	6	13	5	47	break not your neck down
5	James Waylor	6	11	5	49	Stairs, for it is beyond the
6	Pancakes and fritters	6	9	5	51	Skill of the Bone-setter. Pe-
7	piping hot,	6	6	5	54	as hath great Predominan-
8	and many Cocks	6	4	5	56	cy this Month, therefore it
9	do to Pot.	6	2	5	58	will be very ominous for a
10	Creswell	6	0	5	60	Man to lie on a Pillow stuff
11	Clement	5	58	6	2	with Horn-shavings. Some
12	Park... Warbeck	5	56	6	4	Men will pretend to such
13	Now feed on fish,	5	53	6	7	Knowledge as to know what
14	Tench, Dace, or Trout,	5	51	6	9	Fowl is coffin'd in a bak'd
15	But let not Wife	5	49	6	11	Pye before they cut it up,
16	feed thee with Pout,	5	47	6	13	and some again shall be so
17	For that (they say)	5	45	6	15	ignorant, that they shall not
18	without all question,	5	43	6	17	know who it was that made
19	it is a dish	5	41	6	19	hem a Cuckold; it will be
20	hard of Digestion.	5	39	6	21	the humour of a great many
21	Friar Bungey	5	37	6	23	People to get them fine
22	Javelling Ludlow	5	35	6	25	Cloaths, although they fit
23	Cambury Bels	5	33	6	27	them no better than a Saddle
24	Mother Redcap	5	31	6	29	dorh a Sow, and these Peo-
25	When Rent is paid	5	28	6	32	ple, in spite of Fate, will
26	it may be guest,	5	26	6	34	be fine before they be hand-
27	The mind is then	5	24	6	36	some.
28	the more at rest.	5	22	6	38	
29	Mother Damnable	5	20	6	40	
30	John Venn	5	18	6	42	
31	Malanello	5	16	6	44	

# April hath xxx days.

First Quarter the 7 day, 8 minures past 10 in the forenoon.  
Full Moon the 15 day, 19 minures past 6 in the morning.  
Last Quarter the 23 day, 55 minures past 7 in the morning.  
New Moon the 30 day, 14 minures past 2 in the morning.

1	<b>G</b>	Theodore	neck	<i>April 3. 1619.</i>
2	<b>A</b>	Mary Egypt	neck	Queen Ann departed out his Life.
3	<b>B</b>	Mid-lest Sund.	arms	King James the first his loving Will.
4	<b>C</b>	Ambrose	arms	Of whom it hath a Proverbe been,
5	<b>D</b>	Vincent	breast	A hunting King, a dancing Queen.
6	<b>E</b>	Egesippus	and	<i>April 11. 1683.</i>
7	<b>F</b>	Perpetuus	stom.	King William and Queen Mary were
8	<b>G</b>	Dionysius	heart	Crown'd with great Pomp at Westminster.
9	<b>A</b>	Valerian	heart	1654.
10	<b>B</b>	Passion Sunday	bowels	The Rump and Dutch-men who had
11	<b>C</b>	Leo Pap.	bowels	Againt each other many a bout.
12	<b>D</b>	Hugh Bishop	reins	By Cromwell's means were now made free.
13	<b>E</b>	Zenon	and	Only to purchase his own end.
14	<b>F</b>	Tiburtius	loins	But though this Traytor mounted high
15	<b>G</b>	Olympia	secrets	Under the Gallows he doth lie,
16	<b>A</b>	Isidore	secrets	And may all those who their King hate
17	<b>B</b>	Palm-Sunday	thighs	Come at the last to the same fate.
18	<b>C</b>	Oswin	and	<i>April 19. 1662.</i>
19	<b>D</b>	Timothy	hips	Berkstead whom Hell on Earth did find
20	<b>E</b>	Victor Mar.	knees	John Okey, and Corbet the Jew,
21	<b>F</b>	Maud. Thursd.	knees	Being by a wile beyond-Sea got,
22	<b>G</b>	Good-Friday	legs	At Tyburn wore the riding knot.
23	<b>A</b>	St. George	legs	<i>April 23. 1660.</i>
24	<b>B</b>	Easter Sunday	legs	Secluded Members sit again,
25	<b>C</b>	Mark Evang.	feet	Who put an end to the Rump's Reign.
26	<b>D</b>	Easter Tuesday	feet	That roguish Rump that did us ride
27	<b>E</b>	Anastasius	head	With switch and spur and sword by his side.
28	<b>F</b>	German	head	<i>April 29. 1649.</i>
29	<b>G</b>	C. Bushell m.	neck	Lockyer, a Soldier strong and stout,
30	<b>A</b>	Erkenwald	neck	Was shot, his Death being brought about
				By Cromwell's fiery-faced Scout.

# Observations on April.

Pied April comes now with its mothy Coat,  
And the shrill Cuckow sings her merry note;  
Cowslips and Peagles doe adorn the Fields,  
And Birds on every Bush sweet Musick yields.

Colier of Croyden	5	14	6	46	
Bank of Broughton	5	12	6	48	Saturn this Month is in a
Where wealth doth flow	5	10	6	50	Trine with Jupiter, this prog-
no friends there lack,	5	8	6	52	nosticates a great Increase
But friends are slow	5	6	6	54	of Hosts and Hostesses. Now
where wealth is slack,	5	4	6	56	for the making up of a com-
Owen Rowe	5	2	6	58	pleat Host, he must be in-
Doctor Faustus	5	0	7	0	duced with these five Pro-
This is a truth,	4	5	8	7	2 perries, taken from the Na-
no one can deny,	4	5	6	7	ture of Beasts, 1. The Head
Honesty is	4	5	4	7	6 of a Stag. 2. The Back
best Policy.	4	5	2	7	8 of a Nag. 3. The Belly of
John Berkstead	4	5	0	7	10 a Hog. 4. To fawn and lie
John Corbet	4	4	9	7	12 like a Dog. 5. To skip up
John Orey	4	4	7	7	13 and down like a Frog; and
Cuckow do	4	4	5	7	15 that Host who is not thus
sing at thy door,	4	4	3	7	17 qualified, may pull down
think not thy Wife	4	4	1	7	19 his Sign and hang up him-
therefore a Whore:	4	3	9	7	21 self for any doings he is like
For truth to tell,	4	3	8	7	22 to have. Now green Pease
the Cuckow will	4	3	6	7	24 are for my Lady's own
Sing where he list	4	3	4	7	26 Tooth, and that Maid who
his old Tune still.	4	3	2	7	28 by her discreet Carriage
the Cobler	4	3	0	7	30 hath purchas'd her a couple
Crack the Fidler	4	2	8	7	32 of Sweet-hearts, having got-
This is the Golden	4	2	7	7	33 ten two strings to her Bow,
Age I say,	4	2	5	7	35 shall be as merry as three
For Money now	4	2	3	7	37 blue Brans in a blue Mad-
bears all the sway.	4	2	2	7	38 der.
Tom Titt Toot	4	2	0	7	40



# May hath xxxi days.

First Quarter the 8 day, 24 minutes past 8 at night.  
Full Moon the 14 day, near 1 in the afternoon  
Last Quarter the 22 day, 11 minutes past 4 in the afternoon  
New Moon the 29 day, 10 minutes past 9 in the forenoon

1	25	May-day	arms	May 2. 1642.
2	C	Athanasius B.	arms	Now Cheap-side-Cross was voted down
3	D	Invent. Cross	breast	Because 'twas superstitious grown
4	E	Christophor	breast	But had not Profit bore the sway
5	F	Sodard	heart	It might have stood there to this day
6	G	Jo. Porr. Lar.	heart	May 12. 1641.
7	A	John of Ben.	bowels	The prudent Strafford now did die
8	2	after Easter	and	For Treason done by Prophecy.
9	C	Greg. Naz. B.	belly	Whose Loyal Blood being causeless shed
10	D	Mamertus B.	reins	Much mischief afterwards it bred.
11	E	Term begins	reins	May 16. 1655.
12	F	E. Strafford m	secrets	Grove and Penruddock now do die
13	G	Sernarius	secrets	The Rebels have to satiate
14	A	Isidore	secrets	Brave valiant Souls, who to pale fear
15	2	after Easter	thighs	Whispering danger ne'er lent ear.
16	C	C. Penrud. m	thighs	May 18. 1680.
17	D	Dunstan	knees	A most prodigious Storm of Hail
18	E	Potentius	knees	Which beat down Corn as with a Flail
19	F	Bernard	knees	May 21. 1651.
20	G	Urbanus	legs	That Son of Mars the stout Marston
21	A	Ellen Reg.	legs	Murther'd at Edinborough-Cross.
22	2	after Easter	feet	May 24. 1648.
23	C	Transf. Franc.	feet	The Kenish men in arms do rise
24	D	Adelme	head	Against the Ramp in manful wise
25	E	Urban	head	But were defeated Foot and Horse
26	F	Bede Priest	neck	The better men their lack the worse
27	G	Coronis Mar.	neck	May 27. 1672.
28	A	German	arms	At St. Catharines was a dreadful fire
29	2	Roger. Sunde	arms	Where many Houses did expire.
30	C	Yeomans St	breast	May 29. 1630. and 1660.
31	D	Wigundus	breast	King Charles the second warborn, and
				Restor'd again unto this Land.



## Observations on May.

This is the Month that Mortals doth inspire  
With Mirth, and youthful Tricks, and warm Desire;  
Much Jollity is every where exprest,  
And Cakes and Ale do come into request.

1 Now at Hide-park	4 18	7 42	Now Love and Pease-
2 if fair it be,	4 17	7 43	porridge come in season,
3 A Show of Ladies	4 15	7 45	but Mony (that precious
4 you may see.	4 14	7 46	Dirt) is never out of sea-
5 Cook Lawrell	4 12	7 48	son; for the gaining of
6 Isaac Ewer	4 11	7 49	which many Tradesmen,
7 Some toil and take	4 10	7 50	to put off their bad
8 Pains all their life,	4 8	7 52	Wares, will use a Grain
9 For to leave Riches	4 7	7 53	of Conscience, a dram of
10 to their Wife;	4 6	7 54	Diffimulation, and a scru-
11 When he being hardly	4 4	7 56	ple of Religion, inter-
12 cold in Grave,	4 3	7 57	mixt with a Pound of
13 She matches with	4 2	7 58	Lies, besides odd ounces
14 some soothing Knave.	4 0	8	of equivocating Prote-
15 So what first Husband	3 58	8	stations. And no mar-
16 roling got,	3 57	8	vel that Men take such
17 Doth make the next	3 56	8	pains to get Mony; for
18 a drunken Sor.	3 55	8	Gold it is the God of this
19 Squire Ketch	3 53	8	7 World; the Nobleman
20 Pride the Dray-man	3 52	8	8 Tutor, the Lawyers Li-
21 Dick Tarlton	3 51	8	9 sleton, the Mayor and Al-
22 New Curds and Cream	3 50	8	10 dermens Fur Gown, the Ju-
23 is Viſuals rare,	3 49	8	11 stices Warrant, the Conſtable
24 Cheeſe-cakes & Cuſtard	3 48	8	12 and Bum-bailiffs Tip-ſtaff,
25 dainty Fare;	3 47	8	13 the Altrooomers Blazing ſtar,
26 And if I am not	3 46	8	14 the Mathematicians Record,
27 much miſtaken,	3 45	8	15 the Cavileers Service-book,
28 Good Fare is a	3 45	8	16 the Presbyterians Directory,
29 Gammon of Bacon.	3 44	8	17 and the Quakers Yea and
30 Who ſo doth try it,	3 44	8	Nay.
31 Will not deny it.	3 43	8	17

# June hath XXX days.

First Quarter the 5 day, 32 min. past 5 in the morning.

Full Moon the 13 day, 40 min. past noon.

Last Quarter the 21 day, at 3 in the morning.

New Moon the 27 day, at 5 in the afternoon.

1	e	Nicodemus	heart	
2	f	Ascension day	heart	
3	g	Erasmus	bowels	June 8. 1658.
4	a	Petrocie	and	Learn'd <i>Hewer</i> , England's <i>Chrysolome</i>
5	10	6 af. Easter	belly	Beheaded was by <i>Cromwell's</i> doom
6	c	Term ends	reins	With valiant <i>Slingsby</i> , a brave Knight
7	d	Robert Abbot	reins	For standing for K. <i>Charles</i> his right
8	e	Dr. Hewyt in	secrets	June 9. 1681
9	f	Trans. of Ed.	secrets	On the Ninth Day did <i>Lilly</i> die,
10	g	Onuphrius	secrets	Much famed for Astrology.
11	a	St. Barnabas	thighs	And they whose Names are up so low
12	10	Whitsunday	thighs	May after lie in Bed till Noon.
13	c	Whitmond ay	knees	June 15. 1645.
14	d	Whit-tuesday	knees	Now was <i>Nasby's</i> fatal Fight,
15	e	Vitus	knees	Where the Kings side was put
16	f	P. Penrick B.	legs	(Pledge)
17	g	Botolph Ab.	legs	June 18. 1662.
18	a	Marcelline	feet	Sir <i>Henry Vane</i> , or rather <i>Vain</i>
19	10	Trin. Sund.	feet	For Treason did a Heading gain.
20	c	Silverius	head	June 21. 1684.
21	d	Walburg	and	Sir <i>Thomas Armstrong</i> at this season
22	e	Albany	face	Was Execured for High Treason.
23	f	Etheldred	neck	June 25. 1646.
24	g	St. John Bap.	neck	<i>Oxford</i> , the Muses Sear, till War
25	a	Amphibalus	arms	Made it to be the Seat of <i>Ma</i>
26	10	1 after Trin.	arms	That loyal City, which did bring
27	c	7 sleepers	breast	Their utmost Force to serve
28	d	Leo	breast	(K)
29	e	Peter Apost.	heart	Surrender'd was, altho 'twas late
30	f	Con. of Paul	heart	The strongest Forts must yield

1658.

*Dunkirk*, a City stout and strong,  
Which to the *Spaniards* did belong,  
Was took by *French* and *Eng.* Bands  
And put into the English Hands.

# Observations on June.

Sell's fiery Steeds such fervent Heat now yields,  
Makes Beggars scorn the Barns, and lie in Fields;  
And Coridon doth say unto his Lady,  
Sweet, sit thee down, the Trees are cool and shady.

12	Loggerheads	3	42	8	18	
2	Simon Mayn	3	42	8	18	By the Course of the
3	Some Mens beads are	3	42	8	18	Heavens, <i>Christmas</i> will not
4	rust with Calves brains	3	41	8	19	fall in this Month; yet those
5	But such beads nere	3	41	8	19	that are Rich and have a
6	no Sage contains.	3	41	3	19	Mind to it, may notwithstanding
7	Tom. Fetherbrain	3	41	8	19	feed on <i>Mince-pye</i>
8	John Fry.	3	41	8	19	and <i>Farmity</i> . Now the days
9	Queen of Morocco	3	41	8	19	being hot shall make People
10	Great Men do great	3	41	8	19	lazy, yet bet er be idle than
11	good or great harm,	3	41	8	19	employed in picking of Pock-
12	As Flowers and Weeds	3	41	8	19	ets. This Month the God of
13	grow, the Sun warm.	3	41	8	19	Riches shall be so Hood-
14	Col. Clansey	3	41	8	19	winkr, that he shall stumble
15	Sir Henry Vane	3	41	8	19	into the Company of none
16	If thou art minded	3	41	8	19	but Informers, Petty-fog-
17	good to do,	3	41	8	19	gers, grave Coxcombs, Si-
18	Do not thy purpose	3	41	8	19	cophants, and unconscionable
19	long for-flow;	3	42	8	18	<i>Coridons</i> , with Citizens,
20	For painted Meats	3	42	8	18	whose false Consciences weigh
21	No hunger feeds,	3	42	8	18	too light even in their own
22	Nor Promises	3	43	8	17	Scales, whilst those whole
23	without some Deeds.	3	44	8	16	Brains suffer nightly-throws
24	Fryer Turk	3	44	8	16	to give deliverance to their
25	Mugleton	3	45	8	15	teeming Brains, for the in-
26	Sir Fopling Flutter	3	46	8	14	riching of the Land with
27	It is a Truth	3	47	8	13	learned Merchandize, starve
28	none should despise	3	48	8	12	in their Studies, and, like
29	Who lies with Dogs	3	49	8	11	Moths, devour the very
30	with Fleas must rise.	3	50	8	10	Leaves they read.

# July hath XXXI days.

First Quarter the 5 day, near 1 in the morning.

Full Moon the 13 day, 20 min. past 2 in the morning.

Last Quarter the 20 day, 36 min. past 8 in the forenoon.

New Moon the 27 day, near 2 in the morning.

1	G	Romwald	bowels
2	a	C. Ashton m.	bowels
3	B	2 after Trin.	reins
4	c	Ulvicus	and
5	D	Tom. Chal.	moyas
6	e	Sexburga Q.	secrets
7	f	Demetrius	secrets
8	G	Chilian	thighs
9	a	Cyril Bish.	and
10	B	Ger. & Vo. m.	hipps
11	c	Pius	knees
12	D	Sun in Leo	knees
13	e	Term. ends	legs
14	f	Bonaventure	legs
15	G	St. Swithin	feet
16	a	Osmond	feet
17	B	D. Levens m.	feet
18	c	Iosina	head
19	D	Deg. day beg.	head
20	e	Alexius	neck
21	f	Daniel	neck
22	G	Mary Mag.	arms
23	a	Apollinarius	arms
24	B	3 after Trin.	breast
25	c	James Ap.	breast
26	D	Anne	heart
27	e	Martha	heart
28	f	Panthaleon	bowels
29	G	Beatrice	and
30	a	Abdon	belly
31	B	6 after Trin.	reins

July 2, 1644.

At Marston-Moor a bloody Fight,  
Where the King's force were put to  
(Flight)

July 5.

Stout Tomkins and bold Chalmers,  
And others more their Notes confer,  
To raise Force for his Majesty,  
For which Attempt they both do die

July 10, 1654.

Gerard and Vowel, two whose Love  
Un-o their King did constant prove,  
By Rebels were condemn'd to die,  
To satisfy their Cruelty.

1653.

The Dutch and English long at War  
Through cruel, fierce, intestine Jar  
A bloody Fight had on the Main, (then)  
Wherein the fam'd Van-Trump

July 18, 1650.

Doctor Levens by Rebels Laws,  
Was murdered for the Kings cause.

July 21, 1683.

Ld. Russell a Man was well befriended  
His Head struck off, his Life was ended

1588.

The Spanish Fleet in Eighty eight,  
Thought to have conqu. Engl. Strait  
But their Invincible Armado  
Was beat, for all their great Bravado

1683.

Walcot, Ruse and Hone, this season  
At Tyburn hanged were for Treason

# Observations on July:

The Sun now gallops in his full career,  
And a green Plush the verdant Meddows wear ;  
The Dog-flar now his furious Heat displays,  
And Phœbus brings forth dry and parching Rays.

1	Meriton Latroom	3 50 8	10	This Month we are very
2	Francis Allen	3 51 8	9	like to hear of some
3	When Screech-ows croak	3 52 8	8	Battles fought in some
4	on Chimney-tops,	3 53 8	7	place or other, and it is
5	And Crickets sing	3 54 8	6	an hundred to one but
6	Pib' Oven, and hops;	3 56 8	4	that side which is beaten
7	When yellow Spots	3 57 8	3	shall have the worst on't.
8	on Hands appear,	3 58 8	2	In this Month also (if in
9	Be certain then	3 59 8	1	any) the Birds in <i>Bride-</i>
10	a Coarse is near.	4 0 8	0	well and in <i>Newgate</i> , will
11	Rhadamanthus	4 27 5	8	record in their Cages,
12	Robert Tichburn	4 37 5	7	which will be as good
13	Herostratus	4 47 5	6	Musick as to hear an
14	We may affirm	4 67 5	4	Owl sing to the Bag-
15	and be no Lyer,	4 87 5	2	pipes. Strong high winds
16	Butter will melt	4 107 5	0	may happen about this
17	now by the Fire.	4 117 4	9	time, for the dying of
18	So that for Truth	4 127 4	8	Sweet - hearts Causes
19	we may repeat,	4 147 4	6	much Sighing and Sob-
20	Who labours hard	4 157 4	5	bing among the young
21	he needs must sweat.	4 177 4	3	People of both Sexes.
22	Ascapart	4 187 4	2	The Gallants at <i>Tun</i>
23	Frank Chaloner	4 207 4	0	bridge revive the Frolick
24	Tom a Bedlam	4 227 3	8	of roasting an Ox whole;
25	A Neats-tongue may	4 237 3	7	and send the Horns to
26	be better fir,	4 257 3	5	those kind natur'd Men
27	Than many Tongues	4 277 3	3	at hor. , that suffer
28	plead at the Bar.	4 287 3	2	their Wives to under-
29	Mad Bess	4 297 3	1	take such Water-drink-
30	John Rouse	4 307 3	2	ing Pilgrimages.
31	Herostratus	4 327 2	8	B 3



# August hath XXXI days.

First Quarter the 3 day, 40 min. past 5 afternoon.

Full Moon the 11 day, 23 min. past 2 afternoon.

Last Quarter the 18 day, 25 min. past noon.

New Moon the 25 day, 52 min. past noon.

1	c	Lammas day	reins	August 2. 1659.
2	d	Stephanus	secrets	The <i>Cheshire-men</i> with Courage rise
3	e	Dominicus	secrets	Against the Rump in manful wile,
4	f	Aristarchus	thighs	For to regain their Liberties.
5	g	Oswald	and	1651.
6	a	Sixtus	hips	Duke <i>Hamilton</i> to <i>England</i> comes,
7	b	6 after Trin.	knees	With sounding Trumpets, beating
8	c	Cyrian	knees	(Drum)
9	d	Romanus	legs	But his great Army quickly runs,
10	e	St. Laurence	legs	August 11. 1666.
11	f	Gilbert B.	legs	Sir <i>Robert Holmes</i> with Courage flies
12	g	Clare	feet	The Dutchmen at the <i>Vly</i> fought,
13	a	Sun in Virgo	feet	He burnt their Ships and overthrowed
14	b	8 after Trin.	head	them, (then)
15	c	Roth	head	And many of their Men he lost
16	d	Mammes	neck	August 19. 1681.
17	e	Hippolite	neck	<i>Steph. Colledge</i> was hang'd at this time
18	f	Hellen Emp.	arms	For no less than for T easons crime.
19	g	Magnus	arms	August 13. 1682.
20	a	Lewis Bish.	breast	A fearful Comet did appear,
21	b	9 after Trin.	breast	Which many put into great fear.
22	c	Co. Eu. Ad. m.	heart	August 21. 1651.
23	d	Col. Mor. m.	and	<i>Gibbons</i> and <i>Love</i> , their Heads
24	e	Barthol. Ap.	back	gone, (count none)
25	f	Lewis King	bowels	Whom some count Martyrs, some
26	g	Irenæus	bowels	August 27. 1648.
27	a	Dogdays end	reins	<i>Stout Colchester</i> , which did defie,
28	b	10 after Trin	reins	For thirteen Weeks an Enemy,
29	c	J. John beh.	secrets	And in full sad Distress had been,
30	d	Sir C. Lucas	secrets	Strong Foes without, Famine within
31	e	Sir G. Lisle m.	secrets	Were forc'd now to yield to their sin
				Who out of them two Worthies chose
				The valiant <i>Lucas</i> , and stout <i>Lisle</i> ,
				Being shot to death by Traitors vile



# Observations on August.

The *Dog-days* now warns People to take heed  
To deal with Whores, lest with the *Rox* they speed;  
But if so be they have a Mind unto it,  
There's no Law 'gainst the same, but they may do it.

1	Hudibras	4	35	7	25	This is a busy Month
2	Frowzy Moll	4	36	7	24	with all but the Lawyers
3	'Tis the best way	4	38	7	22	who now have leisure to
4	above all other,	4	40	7	20	go aFishing among their
5	To set one Knaave	4	41	7	19	Neighbours, with the
6	to catch another.	4	43	7	17	Penal Statutes, Country
7	Witch of Endor	4	45	7	15	men are intent upon
8	John Downe	4	47	7	13	their Harvest; Fools,
9	Mother Cunney	4	48	7	12	Citizens, Jack-puddings,
10	Set wooing Business	4	50	7	10	Drolls, Whores, Rope-
11	now aside,	4	52	7	8	dancers and Pick-pock-
12	And ply thy Work	4	54	7	6	ets, eagerly prepare for
13	what ere beside.	4	56	7	4	Baribolomen-fair. Those
14	Mouthing Moll	4	58	7	2	who now consume their
15	Robert Lilburn	5	0	7	0	Mony within a red Lar-
16	Giles Rumbelow	5	2	6	58	tice, may chance to look
17	When a Tescher	5	4	6	56	thro' Iron-bars e'tr Win-
18	Truth disburses,	5	6	6	54	ter goes about. Sad Di-
19	Rightly then our	5	8	6	52	safters may happen by
20	Ears are Purfes.	5	10	6	50	the Conjunction of Love
21	But if Error	5	12	6	48	and Pease-porridge,
22	once appears,	5	14	6	46	whose different Influ-
23	Wise Men bear	5	16	6	44	ence happening toge-
24	with Harvest-ears.	5	18	6	42	ther, is of ill conse-
25	Luke Robinson	5	20	6	40	quence, for broken hearts
26	Wolner of Windsor	5	22	6	38	falling into bursten Bel-
27	A Conscience pure	5	24	6	36	lies, ten to one but they
28	unstain'd by sin,	5	26	6	34	tumble quite through.
29	Is Brass without	5	28	6	32	
30	and Gold within.	5	30	6	30	
31	Bell and the Dragon	5	32	6	28	

# September hath XXX. days.

New Moon the 2 day, 36 min. past 11 at night.  
 Full Moon the 10 day, 30 min. past 1 afternoon.  
 Last past Quarter the 16 day, at 5 in the afternoon.  
 New Moon the 24 day, 29 min. past 2 afternoon.

1	f	Giles Abbot	thighs	Sept. 3, 4, 5, 1666.
2	g	Veronica	thighs	England's Metropolis, great London
3	a	Exit Tyrant	knees	By burning now was almost un- done
4	b	11 after Trin	knees	Those lofty Spires which brar'd the Did most of them in Ashes lie; (Sky)
5	c	Theodosia	knees	But Phoenix-like hath since arose, Such Buildings as have out-done this
6	d	Eugenius	legs	Sept. 8, 1650.
7	e	Transl. Dunst	legs	That good Prince's Elizabeth, (breath)
8	f	Nat. B. Virg.	feet	At Carisbrook now breath'd her last
9	g	Nat. B. Virg.	feet	Sept. 8, 1692.
10	a	Protho	head	An Earthquake now in many parts
11	b	12 after Trin.	head	Of England, did amuse Mens-hearts
12	c	Sun in Libra	neck	The Ground did with an Ague quake
13	d	Amancie	neck	Which did both Trees and Houses shake
14	e	Holy Hood	arms	The Center parts with sudden throw
15	f	Nicodemus	and	The Earth a sad Distemper throws
16	g	Edith	should.	Sept. 13. 1665.
17	a	Lambert	breast	Great Gloucester's Duke this time did die
18	b	13 after Trin.	breast	Now lives in Bliss eternally.
19	c	January	heart	Sept. 17, 1683.
20	d	Eustatius	heart	An Earthquake was in Eighty three
21	e	Matthew Ap.	bowels	Which many did in England see.
22	f	Maurice	bowels	Sept. 19, 1643.
23	g	Tecla Virg.	reins	A bloody Fight at Newberry,
24	a	Rupertus	and	Wherein did many hundreds die;
25	b	14 after Trin	loyns	Men are a long time bringing up,
26	c	Cyprian	secrets	But in an instant taste Deaths Cup.
27	d	Cosin. & Dam	secrets	1643.
28	e	Wincesl. fast	thighs	The Scottish Covenant was took
29	f	Mich. Arab.	and	By some, and was as soon forgot.
30	g	Hierome	hips	They shunning Covenants and Oaths, Oftner than Beggars shift their Cloaths.

# Observations on September.

The Weather now beginneth to grow chilly,  
Wear Cloaks then if you have them, else you're silly;  
Put on your Night-caps, and get you warm Socks,  
And be not drunk for sitting in the Stocks.

1	Nero	5	35	6	25	If my Art fail me not,
2	Scout Oliver	5	37	6	23	some Persons of no good
3	Now Cromwell died	5	39	6	21	Qualities fall by the
4	in sober Sadness,	5	41	6	19	Hand of Justice this
5	whose death fill'd Eng-	5	43	6	17	Month. We hear of lit-
6	land full of gladness.	5	45	6	15	tle Wooing in the Coun-
7	But where he went	5	47	6	13	try, for Love being a
8	when he was dead,	5	49	6	11	kind of Fooling, that is
9	We cannot under-	5	51	6	9	now only practised at
10	stand nor read.	5	53	6	7	sturbridg-fair. There is
11	This Month also	5	56	6	4	no likelihood of any
12	the City London,	5	58	6	2	swarms of Bees this
13	was burnt, by which	6	0	6	0	Month, because the Dog
14	were many undone.	6	2	5	58	star is neither in the
15	Tyburn	6	4	5	56	Dragons head, nor yet his
16	Jack Bradshaw	6	6	5	54	Tail. Mars and Luna
17	Julian Apostate	6	9	5	51	being in opposition, de-
18	Some wed for wealth	6	11	5	49	notes that it will be ve-
19	and some for wis,	6	13	5	47	ry unseasonable to kiss
20	That if one fail	6	15	5	45	a handfom Wife, before
21	'other may hit.	6	17	5	43	her jealous Husbands
22	Cunney-beard	6	19	5	41	Face. Mercury is robust
23	Laird Warreston	6	21	5	39	with Saturn, which shall
24	Sue Flavel	6	23	5	37	cause Children to be
25	Knipperdoling	6	25	5	35	subject to Convulsion-
26	St. Michael, Land-	6	27	5	33	fits, young Wenches to
27	lords Holiday,	6	29	5	31	the Falling Evil, and
28	Is come, then took	6	31	5	29	old Women to cough out
29	for Rents to pay.	6	33	5	27	their Teeth.
30	Gregory Norton	6	35	5	25	

# October hath XXXI days.

First Quarter the 2 day, 53 min. past 5 in the afternoon.

Full Moon the 9 day, 2 min. past noon.

Last Quarter the 16 day, at 2 in the afternoon.

New Moon the 23 day, 24 min. past 7 afternoon.

First Quarter the 31 day, 26 min. past 11 at night.

1	a	Remegius B.	knees
2	b	15 after Trin.	knees
3	c	Candide	legs
4	d	Francis	legs
5	e	Constance	feet
6	f	Faith Virg	feet
7	g	Mr. Bensou	feet
8	a	Victor	head
9	b	16 after Trin.	head
10	c	Wilfrid	neck
11	d	Trans. of Ed	neck
12	e	Wilfride	arms
13	f	Sun in Scorp.	arms
14	g	Calixt p. m.	breast
15	a	E. Darby m.	breast
16	b	17 after Trin	heart
17	c	Florence	heart
18	d	Luke Evang.	bowels
19	e	Ptolomy	bowels
20	f	Wendoline	veins
21	g	11000 Virg.	and
22	a	Mary Salome	loyns
23	b	18 after Trin.	secrets
24	c	Term begins	secrets
25	d	St. Crispine	chighs
26	e	Amandus	and
27	f	Florence f.	ships
28	g	Simon & Jude	knees
29	a	Narcissus	knees
30	b	19 after Trin	legs
31	c	Quintine	legs

October 5. 1623.

Pr. Charles a wooing went to Spain,  
The Match broke off, came home again  
Which was on the 5th of October,  
For Joy whereof few Men were sober.

October 12. 1678.

Sir Edmundbury Godfrey, one  
Whom Papists with ill Eyes looked  
Therefore in secret they him kill,  
And left him dead on Primrose-hill.

October 14. 1633.

K. James the second, born and bred  
A Prince, by ill Advice mis-led.

October 15. 1645.

Stout Basing-house a place most strong  
Which had withstood the Rebels long  
Having so many Batteries born,  
Was taken at this time by Storm.

October 15. 1651.

The prudent, noble, Darby's Earl,  
That Jem, that Jewel, orient Pearl,  
At Bolton now did lose his Head,  
By blood, Rebels murdered.

October 19. 1651.

K. Charles from Worcester forced  
By Cromwell, that fell Enemy;  
Tho' Plots to take him were contrived  
In France with safety now arriv'd.

October 23. 1642.

At Edge-hill was our Wars begun,  
Where both sides lost, and neither won.

October 28. 1644.

A second Fight at Newbury,  
Where many a gallant Man did die.

# Observations on October.

The painful Farmer hath his Harveſt in,  
And now the Lawyers Harveſt doth begin;  
The Boys rejoyce at the Lord Mayors Show,  
And Shoormakers are drunk as they can go.

1 Who now hath got	6	36	5	24	This Month the Term
2 good ſtore of Coin,	6	38	5	22	begins, and happy are
3 He need not want	6	40	5	20	they that have nothing
4 Arong Beernor Wine.	6	42	5	18	to do with the Lawyers,
5 Knave of Spades	6	44	5	16	for this long Vacation
6 Phelps the Scribler	6	46	5	14	hath made them ſo hun-
7 Dr Lamb	6	48	5	12	gry, that the firſt Clyent
8 Within the Grave	6	50	5	10	is ſaapt up at a Morſel.
9 it is all one,	6	52	5	8	Should you now hear the
10 Who enjoy'd all	6	54	5	6	Cuckow ſing, it would
11 and who had none.	6	56	5	4	be as ſtrange a thing a
12 Rainsborough	6	58	5	2	for a Horſe-courſer to
13 Charon	7	0	5	0	be an honeſt Man. Cold
14 Sir Giles Goolecap	7	2	4	58	Weather comes on a
15 Harrifon the Butcher	7	4	4	56	pace, which ſhall make
16 Cook the Sollicitor	7	6	4	54	Men think of She-bed-
17 Hughkin the Jeſter	7	8	4	52	tellows to keep them
18 Scot the Brewer	7	10	4	50	warm, and brisk Batch-
19 Daniel Axtel	7	12	4	48	elours ſhall be ſerious
20 John Carew	7	14	4	46	Students in the Academy
21 Adrian Scroop	7	16	4	44	of Complim <sup>nts</sup> ; and what
22 John Jones	7	17	4	43	great Conſultation will
23 Cerberus	7	19	4	41	there be with Taylors,
24 Each Shoormaker's	7	20	4	40	Barbers, Milleners and Pe-
25 a Gentleman,	7	22	4	38	uke makers, for the neweſt
26 By Virtue now	7	24	4	36	Faſhions to adorn their idle
27 of Pot and Can.	7	26	4	34	Coxcombs. Some Men by
28 Woo roundly now	7	28	4	32	being thrifcleis, ſhall after
29 their Liquor take,	7	30	4	30	turn to graceleſs, they ſhall
30 In honour of	7	32	4	28	run their Heads into a Com-
31 St. Criſpin's ſake.	7	33	4	27	modity of Hemp, which they
					ſhall take up at the Gallows
					Tree.



# November hath XXX days.

Full Moon the 7 day, at 10 at night.

Last Quarter the 14 day, at 2 in the afternoon.

New Moon the 22 day, 10 min. past 2 afternoon.

First Quarter the 30 day, 16 min. past 3 afternoon.

1	D	All Saints	legs
2	E	All Souls	feet
3	F	Winefred	feet
4	G	Vitalis	head
5	A	Powder Plot	head
6	B	20 after Trin	neck
7	C	Wolride	neck
8	D	Claudius	arms
9	E	Theodore	arms
10	F	Eraustus	breast
11	G	Martine	breast
12	A	Sun in Sagit.	heart
13	B	21 after Trin	heart
14	C	Frederick	bowels
15	D	Macute	and
16	E	Edmond	belly
17	F	Hugh	reins
18	G	Gelasius	reins
19	A	Carol. 1 Nat.	secrets
20	B	22 after Trin	secrets
21	C	Mary	secrets
22	D	Cicely	thighs
23	E	Clement	thighs
24	F	Chrisogony	knees
25	G	Conrade	knees
26	A	Linus	knees
27	B	Advent Sund.	legs
28	C	Termenas	legs
29	D	Saturn fast	feet
30	E	Andrew Ap.	feet

Nov. 3. 1640.

That lasting Parliament began,  
Which all into Confusion ran.

Nov. 5.

Now Catesby, Peirce, Thomas Ban-  
Tresham, Faux, Winter and their  
A hellish Powder-plot invent, 7 Men  
To blow up King and Parliament.  
But God his People did defend,  
And hanging was the Traytors end.

Nov. 8, 1681.

Now at St. Catharines was a Fire,  
where many Houles did expire.

Nov. 11, 1680.

A blazing Star now at this time,  
Did shew it self within our Clime.

Nov 12, 1642.

A bloody Fight at Brainford, where  
The Earth was drunk with burn blood  
Many were taken and kill'd there,  
Who unto Worm now became Food.

Nov. 19. 1600.

K. Charles the first that pious King,  
Whose Fame thro' all the Earth did  
In Scotland at Dumferling born (now  
Whom Subject's spite did make forlorn

Nov. 29, 1682.

Prince Rupert did this time decaie,  
Who liv'd in War and dy'd in Pea-

1664.

Another Comet now appear'd  
With his affrighting dreadful Beard,  
Famine foreboding, dismal Star,  
That threatens the World with Plague  
and War.



# Observations on November.

The Days grow short, cold Weather now approaches,  
And those must walk on Foot who can't keep Coaches;  
Great store of cutting Throats where Men kill Swine,  
And those who have curst Wives on Carp must dine.

1 Devil of Edmonton	7	38	4	22	Saturn and Mercury about
2 Henry Ireton	7	39	4	21	this time are in Consul-
3 Now we laugh & rejoy	7	41	4	19	tation how to do Mis-
4 till sore are our Ribs,	7	42	4	18	chief, no Good is to be
5 And give thanks to God	7	44	4	16	expected from them;
6 in Crackers and Squibs.	7	46	4	14	which makes some Astro-
7 Mopsia	7	47	4	13	logers to conjecture
8 Guido Faux	7	49	4	11	that because the Nights
9 3 Loggerheads	7	51	4	9	are long and dark, that
10 Now toasting Irons	7	52	4	8	some Shops may be bro-
11 and warming Pans.	7	54	4	6	ken open. This Conjun-
12 Succeeds the drinking	7	55	4	5	ction also denotes a
13 Bear in Cans.	7	57	4	3	great plenty of Barbers
14 Arthur of Bradley	7	58	4	2	and Sow-gelders, and
15 John James	8	0	4	0	that brown Cows shall
16 Colebrand	8	1	3	59	bring forth Calves with
17 Should Ladies long	8	3	3	57	white Faces. Some young
18 now for green Peason,	8	4	3	56	Gallants shall decline
19 I do assure them	8	5	3	55	Marriage, and take Mi-
20 they are geason.	8	7	3	53	stresses, by which they
21 Rogue the Register	8	8	3	52	gain Diseases in their
22 James Challoner	8	9	3	51	Youth, to make a Wife
23 Jack Adams	8	10	3	50	necessary for a Nurse in
24 So long as Weather	8	11	3	49	their old Age. In sum,
25 it is cold,	8	11	3	49	the way of Marrying is
26 A Glass of Sack	8	12	3	48	like to be, that young
27 I good do bold.	8	13	3	47	Men will tak Wives for
28 Wandring Jew	8	13	3	47	Love, and old Men ear-
29 Tom Tram	8	14	3	46	ry for Money.
30 Queen of Stuts	8	14	3	45	

# December hath XXXI days.

Full Moon the 7 day, 54 min. past 7 at night.  
 Last Quarter the 14 day, 48 min. past 5 afternoon.  
 New Moon the 22 day, 37 min. past 9 at night.  
 First Quarter the 30 day, at 4 in the afternoon.

1	f	Longinus	head	December 7. 1683.
2	g	Candida	and	Algernoon Sydney lost his Head
3	g	Ofmond	face	For Treason, as it then was said.
4	h	Sund. in Ad.	neck	December 1653.
5	c	Sabine	neck	Noll Cromwell spight of right or reason
6	d	Nicholas	arms	Was made Protector at this season.
7	e	Ambrose	arms	December. 19. 79.
8	f	Concep. Mary	breast	Three Suns together at one time,
9	g	Joachim	breast	In this our Hor zon did shine
10	h	Miltriades	heart	Decemb. 20. 1688.
11	h	Sun in Capri.	heart	The P. of Orange, now our King,
12	c	Paul Bishop	bowels	Much Joy did unto London bring.
13	d	Lucie	bowels	Decemb. 20. 1662.
14	e	Nicasius	reins	Tongue Philips, Gibs, receiv'd a check
15	f	Valerie	reins	Ty'd from their Meate up by the neck.
16	g	O Sapientia	secrets	December. 23. 1644.
17	h	Lazarus	secrets	Sir Alexander Carew, one
18	h	4 Sund. in Ad.	secrets	Who Rebels cruelly lookt upon,
19	c	Venest	chighs	For being loyal to his King, (bring
20	d	Julian fast	thighs	Their murdering hands to death
21	e	Thomas Ap.	knees	Decemb. 28 1682.
22	f	Theodosius	knees	A dismal Fire at Wapping, which
23	g	Sr. Al. Car. m.	knees	Made many poor that late were rich.
24	h	40 Virgins	legs	December 29. 1648.
25	h	Christmalday	legs	Stout Major Pitcher shot to death,
26	c	St. Stephen	feet	In the Kings cause did lose his breath.
27	d	St. John Ev.	feet	Conclusion.
28	e	H. Innocents	feet	Clarity's colder than the Season,
29	f	Tho. Becker	head	Now fall the poor, it is no Treason
30	g	David	head	Good Works are good, but in our
31	h	Silvester	neck	Nation, (Fashion.
				He that observes them thwarts the

# Observations on December.

Cold Weather and minc'd Pies this Month affords,  
As plentiful as tattling Women Words;  
The Kitchens reek with Heat, in the mean while,  
Both Beef and roasted Pork is smelt a Mile.

1 Cold Weather now	8 16 3 44	In this Month comes the
2 doth us oppress,	8 16 3 44	welcome time of <i>Christ-</i>
3 Then feed the Poor	8 17 3 43	<i>mas</i> , bringing along with
4 they may thee bless.	8 17 3 43	it these rare and comfor-
5 Julian of Croyden	8 18 3 42	table Dainties, viz.
6 James Guthrey	8 18 3 42	Plumb-broth, Firmity,
7 Ignoramus	8 19 3 41	Sugar'd Puddings, Pow-
8 How ere the matter	8 19 3 41	der'd Beef and Turnips,
9 you do handle,	8 19 3 41	Legs and Shoulders of
10 A red Nose will	8 19 3 41	Mutton, Loins & Breasts
11 not light a Candle.	8 19 3 41	of Veal, roast Beef, roast
12 Tinker of Bedford	8 19 3 41	Pork, Mutton and Veni-
13 Gun-Prideaux	8 19 3 41	son-pasties, Partridge,
14 Blue-Beard	8 19 3 41	Pheasant, Quail, Duck,
15 Mother Cunney	8 19 3 41	Swan, Mallard, Geese,
16 Who now refuse	8 18 3 42	Rabbers and Tarts; but
17 a Glass of Sack,	8 18 3 42	above all minc'd Pies,
18 I think that they	8 17 3 43	such as will melt in your
19 do Wisdom lack.	8 17 3 43	Mouth and make a Wo-
20 Dives	8 16 3 44	man with Child that is
21 Vavafor Powel	8 15 3 45	an hungry, to long
22 Peg Lemon	8 14 3 46	heartily for a piece of
23 Dirty Doll	8 14 3 46	them. Now those who are in-
24 Christmas is come	8 13 3 47	vited to such Cheer, and re-
25 provide good Beer,	8 12 3 48	fuse to eat thereof, it is pity
26 Roast-beef, minc'd Pies,	8 12 3 48	but they should be a hungry.
27 Ale, and strong Beer.	8 11 3 49	For I tell you true, it is bet-
28 Who will not now	8 11 3 49	ter dining with a Farmer wit-
29 feast their poor Neigbb	8 10 3 50	such Provision, than it is to
30 I do bespew them	8 9 3 51	dine with Duke Humpbrey.
31 for their Labours	8 8 3 52	

# A Table of Expences.

By the Day	By the Week			By the Month.			By the Year.	
Pence	l	s	d	l	s	d	l	s
10	0	7	0	2	4	1	10	
20	1	2	0	4	8	3	0	
30	1	9	0	7	0	4	11	
40	2	4	0	9	4	6	1	
50	2	11	0	11	8	7	12	
60	3	6	0	14	0	9	2	
70	4	1	0	16	4	10	12	
80	4	8	0	18	8	12	3	
90	5	3	1	1	0	13	13	
100	5	10	1	3	4	15	4	
110	6	5	1	5	8	16	14	
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Shillings	l	s	d	l	s	d	l	s
10	17	0	1	8	0	18	5	
20	14	0	2	16	0	36	10	
30	1	0	4	4	0	54	15	
40	8	0	5	12	0	72	0	
50	15	0	7	0	0	91	5	
60	2	0	8	8	0	109	10	
70	9	0	9	16	0	127	15	
80	16	0	11	4	0	146	0	
90	3	0	12	12	0	164	5	
100	10	0	14	8	0	182	10	
110	17	0	15	8	0	200	15	
120	4	0	16	16	0	219	0	
130	11	0	18	4	0	237	5	
140	18	0	19	12	0	255	10	
150	5	0	21	0	0	273	15	
160	12	0	22	8	0	292	0	
170	19	0	23	16	0	310	5	
180	6	0	23	4	0	328	10	
190	13	0	26	12	0	346	15	
200	0	0	28	0	0	365	0	

Once Weekly remember thy Charges to cast,  
 Once Monthly see how thy Expences may last;  
 If thou find that thou spendest more than doth come in,  
 'Tis time from such Spending with time to begin.

1000: Robin, 1698.

A

Prognostication for the Year of  
our Lord God, 1698.

Containing a Table of the true Assize of Bread; concerning Eclipses, of which we shall have none visible in our Horizon this Year; a most accurate Description of the four Quarters of the Year; an Astrological Scheme of the Twelve Houses, with wonderful Predictions of what may be gathered from thence. Astrological Questions whereby may be resolved many and divers things. How to procure Love from a young Damself or Virgin, or (if need be) from an old Widow. Of a strange Pagode or Idol in the *East-Indies*. With many experimented Conceits and Receipts, but no Deceits throughout the whole *Almanack*.

Calculated according to Art for the Meridian of *Saffron-Walden* in *Essex*, where the Pole is elevated 52 Degrees, and 6 Minutes above the Horizon, and may indifferently serve for any other Town, City, Borough, or Village whatsoever.

Thus, Reader, we unto thee do impart  
Such Things we find by Astrologick Art;  
And so with Truth our Abuse and we comply,  
That our whole Book containeth not one Lye.  
Reader, thou may'st believe me; but if not,  
The Care is took, I value'st not a jot.

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# The Affize of Bread plain for all Weights.

Price of Wheat.	By Troy Weight, having 12 Ounces in a Pound, and 10 Penny-weight in each of those 12 Ounces.								By <i>Avoir du pou</i> (viz.) over-Weight, having 16 Ounces in the Pound, our com. Weight.		
	Penny White		Wheaten		Household				Pen. white	whea. ten.	Household.
1	d	un	d	un	d	un	d		7	9	an
2	0	1	3	6	11	0	2	6	12	7	0
3	1	2	2	1	9	2	2	2	4	16	0
4	1	1	0	1	7	10	2	2	0	15	0
5	1	0	1	6	0	0	0	2		13	2
6	0	11	5	4	18	1	10	10		12	1
7	0	10	11	3	16	1	9	2		11	2
8	0	9	19	2	17	1	7	18		10	0
9	0	8	1	2	1	6	16			10	1
10	0	8	18	1	7	1	15			9	3
11	0	8	9	0	12	1	4	17		9	1
12	0	8	1	0	0	4	2			8	3
13	0	7	13	0	11	10	1	3	6	8	1
14	0	7	7	0	11	0	2	14		8	0
15	0	7	10	10	10	1	2	1		7	3
16	0	6	15	0	10	2	1	10		7	2
17	0	6	10	0	9	14	1	0		7	0
18	0	6	3	7	6	1	0	10		6	3
19	0	6	0	0	0	0	0			6	2
20	0	5	10	0	8	15	11	12		6	1
21	0	5	1	0	8	9	11	2		6	0

Thus should the Bread be made by equal Weight  
 Had not the Bakers in them such Deceit:  
 Now if a Baker make the same too heavy,  
 I think a Forfeit you on him may levy;  
 But where to make'r too big one doth transgre,  
 There's hundreds of them which do make it les,  
 But those who will not in such Faults mend,  
 May Pharaoh's Bakers Fate be their last End.

## Poor Robin, 1698.

### Of the Eclipses this present Year 1698.

WE shall have never an Eclipse visible in our Horizon this Year, neither of the Sun, nor yet of the Moon, which we should reckon those 365 Solar ones which happen in every 24 hours, when *Dia Phobus* is gone to take a nap in *Thetis* Lap, and Nights black Mante doth enshroud Earth: or as the Poet hath it,

When as the wearied Sun is gon to rest,  
And Darkness made the world's unwelcome Guest;  
When as the Night her sable Wings hath spread,  
And Sleep his Dew on pensive Mortals shed;  
When wild Bours leave their Dens or woody Hills,  
And sleightful Ottars quit the purling Vills;  
When Thieves from Thickets to the Cross-way flie,  
And Terror frights the lonely Passenger;  
When naught is heard, but now and then the Howl  
Of some vile Cur, or whooping of the Owl.

is another Poet sings:

When the Diurnal Chariotter hath set  
His fiery brasse-hous'd Coursers to their rest,  
And o'er his golden glistering Locks hath spread  
The jetty Hangings of his sable Bid;  
These mighty Eclipses prognosticate great Benefit to Unk-  
e and Tallow Chandlers: they also give great Encou-  
agement to Thieves,

who in the Day do mask  
These Houses which they plunder in the Dark.

These Eclipses also signifie great Benefit to the Company of Lashers-makers; for the men need not now to go with Lashorn and Candle-light at Noon-day (as did *Diogenes*) to find an honest man, seeing there is no man whatsoever, if you ask him, he will profess himself to be a very real honest man, and such an one as is described by the

A Man from whose free Tongue proceeded naught  
That is not correspondent with his Thought.

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Yet if you thoroughly examine mens Actions, you will find that there would be a great Scarcity of honest men in the World, were it not for Brokers, Scriveners, Usurers, Horse-couriers, Bailiffs, Marshals (or rather merchants), Knights of the Post, Informers, Tale-bearers, &c. all which we may say with the Poet,

*The Quintessence and Abstract of all Evil  
Cloathed in Flesh to play the closer Devil.*

These Eclipses also are very commodious for such as are Contrivers of Plots, Conspiracies, and the like, the best to pass unknown and undiscovered; but a Halter hangs them, all their Consultations come at last to a period at the Gallows.

*When Esquire Ketch doth make them for to wear  
A riding Knot an-inch below their Ear.*

These Eclipses likewise are very beneficial to decayed Gentlemen-Debtors, such as dare not walk abroad in day-time, for fear the Serjeant (worse than a Hare) should cross the way of them: Nor is their Fears altogether vain in the Night, as may appear by one of these Owl-walkers who passing through a Butchers Shambles in the dark, Tenterhook catching hold of his Coat made him stop, when upon in a great fear looking behind him, thinking it had been a Catchpole, he said, *As whose Suit, I pray.* Such Consternation does Fear put a Man into, according to what the Poet,

*Congelating Blood usurps their trembling Hearts,  
And leaves a Faintness in their feeble Parts.*

And so much for the Eclipses this Year; or rather a great deal more for the 10 Eclipses this Year, since we shall have more seen in our Horizon: but the next Year there will be one which will be visible, the one of the Sun, and the other of the Moon; and then

*If Life permit, we will resume our Pen,  
And tell you where they will be seen, and when.*

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*Of the four Quarters of the year, and first of  
the Spring.*

**T**HE welcome Spring, Nature's Pride, when the Earth  
puts on her Holiday Apparel, taketh its Beginning at  
such time as Don Phœbus enters the first Scruple of the Equi-  
noctial Sign Aries, making the Days and Nights of equal  
length to all on this side the Equator.

*When the greatest Torch of Heaven  
with bright Rays warms Tellus Lap,  
Making Nights and Days both even,  
Chearing Plants with fresher Sap.*

The time that the Lady Flora useth to cloath our Grandame  
Earth with a new Livery, diapsed with various Flowers, and  
bequer'd with all delightful Objects; a Season no less pro-  
picious to Lovers. This delightful Quarter be-  
ginneth March the 10th, and endeth June the 11th, when  
cometh hot burning Summer.

*When Phœbus leaving off the gentle Twins,  
With Cancer and thirst-panting Leo ians.*

*Summer.*

**T**HE Festival, or Summer Quarter, commenceth with  
the Suns Entrance in the Northern Tropical Sign  
Cancer, taking his farthest Perambulation Northward, which  
according to the Account of Astronomers will be on Saturday  
the 11th Day of June, making the longest Day and shortest  
Night to all the Inhabitants on this side the Equator.

*What time the Grasses are clad in Green,  
The Fields dress all in Flowers,  
And that the sleek-hair'd Nymphs are seen  
To seek them Summer Bowers.*

Now the verdant Meads are dressed in a green Vesture,  
and the Fields arrayed in flowry Mantles; the Dog Star dis-  
plays his furious Heat, and the Lion spreads his raging Ire.  
The Quarter continues to the 11th of September, and then  
the Autumnal Quarter begins.

*Whenas the Birds do cease their singing Notes,  
And stately Forests don their yellow Coats.*

*Autumn.*

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*Autumn.*

**A**utumn, or the Harveſt Quarter, beginneth at ſuch time as the Sun toucheth the firſt point of the Eccleſiaſtical Sign *Libra*, making the Days and Nights again equal all the World over (except under the Poles) as he doth at the beginning of the *Spring*. This Quarter is alſo called the *Fall of the Leaf*, and that very ſely, becauſe all things both Vegeable and Senſible, begin to loſe their Strength and Glory, and haſten to Decay, according to the Decree of Nature.

Now the ſweeteſt Flowers droop  
With an unſeen and ſlow decay;  
The Pride of Summer's gins to ſloop,  
And Leaves from Trees do fall away.

This third Quarter of the Year beginneth this Year on *Monday* the 12th of *September*, and continueth till the *Week* the *Surveyor-General*, great *Titan's Car*, hath run his golden Pilgrimage through the three Celeſtial Signs of *Libra*, *Scorpio*, and *Sagittarius*; and then gives place to *Winter*,  
When hoary *Froſt* doth candel all the Plains,  
And *Hiem* binds the Floods in ſilver Chains.

*Winter.*

**T**HE winter Quarter beginneth at ſuch time as our Earthly Globe hath volved its ſelf to the greateſt Northern Inclination, being the 21th Day of *December*, the Sun entering the firſt Scruple of the Tropic of *Capricorn*, whereby we her Northern Inhabitants being farther deſtroyed from the Sun's Rays, receive the leaſt portion of Light, and our ſhorteſt Day and longeſt Night. This Quarter, by reaſon of the Coldneſs of the Weather, is the moſt uncomfortable of all the four.

When Iſicles hang by the Wall,  
And Dick the Shepherd blows his Nails,  
And Tom bears Logs into the Hall,  
And Milk comes frozen home in Pails,

This Quarter continueth until the Sun, the *Cart-Pole Wagoner of Heaven*, hath run his Pergrination through the three Heavenly Signs of *Capricorn*, *Aquarius*, and *Pisces*, and then comes in the delightful *Spring*;



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*When Phœbus warmer Rays and balmy Showers,  
Dress the soft Breast of fragrant Meads with Flowers.*

*The Astrological Scheme.*



In this Scheme we find *Jupiter* to be principal Gubernator, and *Saturn* and *Mercury* Radix combust with *Sol*: this prognosticates abundance of Knavery in *Taylor* and *Millers*, and threatens a wonderful Deadness of Trade to *Link Boys* and *Oyster Wenches*; also great Trouble and Vexation to those men who have gotten Scolds to their Wives, and a great Confusion of powder'd Beef and Carrots where men have gotten extraordinary Stomachs. *Venus* is detrimental, from whence we gather, that we may buy five hundred Tickets of Money lent upon the Publick Fund, for waste Paper to put under *Christmas Pyes*.

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*For of those Tickness, all can be made of it  
Is, they return so very little Profit.*

Some shall be so ore swoln with Pride, that they but  
scorn others, who tho endowed with better Parts, yet come  
short of them in the Blessings of this World, Gold and Silver.  
For a Check to such Pride, let me tell them, that there is  
no more Difference betwixt them than between two Rich,  
all made of one Clay, only it may be, one is plac'd on the  
Top of a Turret, the other in the Bottom of a Well. Is  
no marvel tho Gold be so much esteem'd, and so much  
sought after, since, according to the Poet,

*The mounied Man can safely sail all Seas,  
And make his Fortune as himself shall please:  
He can wed Danae, and command that now  
Arvisius sist that fatal Match allow.  
He can declaim, chide, censure, Verses write,  
And do all things better than Caro might.  
In brief, let rich men wish whatere they love,  
'Twill come, they in a lock'd Chest keep a Love.*

But poor Poets have lost the golden Age of Jacobus's, the  
silver Age of Shillings and Sixpences, and have nothing left  
them but the Brazen Age of Copper Halfpence and Farthings.

*Dives fabula sum, satis superque,*

*At pauper satis, super Poeta.*

And who do ye think have got this golden Age, but even  
such who are only good in Riches, yet wear nothing new  
about them, but the Gout, or a Thumb Ring with his  
Grandfathers Sheep mark, or Grandames Butters print on  
his seal Bags, Acquittances, and Counterparts.

*Sit brooding Begg, which they with Love behold,*

*And measure Time by counting of their Gold.*

Now Venus and Mars we find to be at deadly Feud against  
each other; therefore if there be any Belief in Ballads,  
which I hope none will deny, a handsome Hanging will be  
for better than marrying with a Scold, especially if she be  
such a one as is described by the Poet.

*When scorns to Hell to be beholding,*

*She dares the Devils Dam with scolding;*

*She shakes the Church, and raves for Steeple,*

*And when it rings — Beware, good People!*

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For, tho perhaps you'll at it wonder,  
Sours all the Neighbours All like Thunder.

And therefore upon these weighty Considerations, he gives  
his Reader this pathological Advice,

What man in's wits wont rather chuse  
The Hempo than the Marriage Noose,  
Or in so plain a case would faultier,  
And take the Ring to leave the Halter?

A great deal of Duelling is like to be this Year, *Arma vi-  
tuncque cano*: Did you never read in Homer of the renowned  
Hector the day before he fought with Achilles, when he came  
down from the Chamber of his beloved Andromache, how  
meekly at the Sign of the Dripping-pan he call'd for a Pot of  
Ale, and bid Sue set it behind the Door? — How's this?  
— Why this signifies a dry hot fouldry Summer, when the  
Leather Bottle will be in great request with Reapers, Mow-  
ers, Makers of Wood-shegots, and Hay-makers.

When the Sun does with Thirst the poor Hay makers throttle,  
And tan all their Faces till they look like the Bottle;  
'Tis that sets 'em right, 'tis as speedy and handy  
As old Mother Midnight's kind Bottle of Brandy.

Mercury Peregrine in a Time of Saturn, denotes that many  
Citizens Wives shall retire into the Country for their Health  
and Pleasures sake to Tunbridge, Epsom Wells, &c. May the  
Guardian Angel of Green Aprons lend their Husbands as good  
a Trade at home as they have abroad, and preserve them  
and every of them from being Horn mad.

But if Fate should fash Fortune to them bring,

In April they may hear the Cuckow sing.

Many Men shall make strange Progressions this Year: not  
a few from Luxury to Beggary; from Beggary to Thievery,  
from the Ale-house to the Gallows. Gamesters shall hold  
out as long as their Purfes last, Adulterers so long as their  
Loins last, and Drunkards as long as their Lungs last. Poor  
Sheep stealers shall be hanged for stealing of Mutton (com-  
pell'd perhaps thereto by intolerable Hunger) while some  
in Office shall securely rob whole Provinces. Socrates laugh'd  
to see a Judge severely to punish others, and do worse him-  
self; to see little Thieves riding in Carts to the Gallows,  
and

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and great Thieves in Coaches to condemn them. This makes  
good that Verse in *Withers Emblems*,  
*Poor Thieves in Halters we behold,*

*And rich Thieves in their Chains of Gold.*

Now Julian Saturn being in full Opposition to Jovial Jupiter, and Mars retrograde to Mercury, combust with the bright Planet Venus.

*This doth prognosticate, and that very truly,*

*That Oysters are better in October than in July.*

Some mincing Madams, who have more of Goods than of Goodness, will venture Life, Fortune, Honour, and all to enjoy a Gallant; whom if they afterwards marry (and then there will be no need of coming by the Window) to a thousand pound to a Nur-shell, but they presently loath each others Conversation and Bed.

*Both Men and Women commonly do wave*

*What they should not, and despise what they have.*

Now if to be in Debt is to be in Hell (as the Fellow said who was dunn'd every day for Money) how many of our Gallants are in this Hell! to avoid the Fury of which, some of them shift Lodgings more often than Pythagoras's Soul did in searching for Zorobabel's Night-Cap. The Devils which torment men in this Hell, are Bailiffs, Serjeants, Yeomen, Marshals (not rather Mercilefs) Men, Bum-Bailiffs, Catch Poles, all of them Tenter-hooks to bring these miserable Souls into a tormenting Tophet; and being in this Purgatory, it is nothing but the Whip and Yellow Metal that will bring them out, their Condition being worse than that of Thieves or Madmen, as is well described by the Poet in this witty Epigram.

*To Bedlam Men are sent best of us,*

*When 'tis resolv'd, then they are freed from it;*

*Confin'd to Newgate songs, Men can't complain,*

*For once a Month they're clear'd from it and Pain;*

*In a short time their Bolts wear off, and then*

*They may be sure ne'er to come there again;*

*Discharged thence their settl'd Souls shall be*

*Only an Hour confin'd, and then set free.*

*Bridewell, no wise man yet did let disperse them,*

*For thou dost feed the Poor, convert the Lads*

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*The Expiration of a little time  
Forgives Offenders, and forgets their Crime.  
Hereafter from a Prison Heav'n defend me,  
Rather to Bedlam, Newgate, Bridewel, send me:  
For there Wit, Work, or Law, doth set me free,  
Nothing but Money here gets Liberty.*

Again, we find *Venus* to be detrimentally posited in the Eighth House. This signifies, That those Maids who live till they are forty Years of Age, and not married, either want Beauty, or Money to their Portion, for which they are in great danger of never swapping away the Title of a Maid for that of a Wife: For these hanging in hand Maids, it were good for them, that the same Custom were used here as was formerly practised in the Country of *Babylon*, of which *Mr. Purchas* thus writeth in his *Pilgrimage: Boronia* (saith he) telleth of a strange Fashion antiently used in *Affrica*, "That the Maids which were marriageable were yearly brought forth in publick, and set to sale to such as would marry them: the money which was given for the fairest, was given to the more deformed for their Portion in Marriage."

*And so each one they should a Husband have  
For Beauty or for Money, which was brave.*

And now having spoken thus much concerning Marrying, since my hand is in, give me leave to tell ye, that this cursed Munk bears such sway, that many Fathers and Mothers take not so much Care and Diligence in matching their Sons and Daughters, as they do in matching their Coach Horses: for many times a rich lubberly Clown, the Son of some gouty Extortioner, or Renc-racking Rascal, having store of Wealth, may be matched with a beautiful, proper, well-qualified, and nobly-descended Gentlewoman; and a well-fac'd handsome Esquire or Knights Son and Heir, for the same Considerations, may be join'd with a Joiners Pupper, or the Daughter of a Scavenger. But for the Choice of your Coach-Horses, there is another manner of Providence to be used, for they must be all of a Colour, Longitude, Latitude, Crestitude, Height, Length, Thickness, Breadth (I wonder they do not weigh them likewise) and never leave till their Correspondency be as equivalent to each other in all respects



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as a Broom is to a Besom, Barm to Yeast, a Tester to Strepence, or Quodlings to boll'd Apples.

*No marvel that such Matches seldom hold  
In Peace or Quiet, where all's done for Gold.*

Venus thus posited as we said before, signifieth also the great Difference betwixt good Housewives and bad, and how profitable the one are above the other; as Tusser hath it in his excellent Book of Husbandry:

*Ill Housewifery lieth till Nine of the Clock,  
Good Housewifery trieth to rise with the Cock.*

And again in another place;

*Bad Housewife is buying of fine pretty Knacks,  
Good Housewife is prying and mending her Sacks.*

Now the main thing how to order a Wife after you have her, that you may lead a quiet Life; some say it is to let her have what she should have and what she would have, and then there is no doubt but she will be quiet. And as for her Cloathing, Rabbi Havinah, a Jewish Multi, saith, Let a Man cloath himself beneath his Ability, his Children according to his Ability, but his Wife above his Ability. But when a Man makes a Peacocks Tail of his Wife, 'tis ten to one but she in Requital bestows a Bulls Feather on his Head. And now having quoted this Jewish Rabbi, give me leave to add what Mr. Purchas in his *Pilgrimage* saith of the Jewish Rabbin, lib. 2. cap. 17. That they have a Conceit, that when Eve caused her Husband to sin, she with a Cudgel belaboured him, and compelled him to eat; which they gather out of his Words, *The Woman gave me of the Tree (to wit, a sound rib roasting) and I did eat.* But the best way for Man and Wife to live lovingly together, is to bear with one anothers Infirmities, to let no Blows pass betwixt them, and (if possible) no bitter Words, since the old Epigram of Mr. John Owen is very true in this case;

*One Bed can hold a loving Man and Wife,  
A whole House cannot hold them living at strife.*

To conclude my Observations on this Scheme; Some Men shall do that in a Tavern which they shall repent at Tyburn, and some shall die so resolutely, as if it were nothing to be hang'd. Of these kind of Men we may say with the Poet,

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*An odd kind of Fame methinks gets that poor Rogue,  
That looks like a Man, yet is hang'd like a Dog.*

### Astrological Questions.

*To know whether the Querent shall be rich or no.*

**I**F a Tradesman that hath but a small Stock to begin withal in the World, would know whether he shall encrease it or no; let him go to an Astrologer, and tell him his Mind. Then let the Astrologer ask him these Questions: 1. Whether he be a good Husband? 2. Whether he have Skill in his Trade? 3. Whether he have store of good Customers? 4. Whether he be not gully of Trustring too much? 5. Whether he lay up twice as much at the Weeks end as he spends? 6. Whether his Wife be as saving as himself? 7. Whether he keeps close to the City Custom of letting his Apprentices eat nothing but Two-penny Apple-pies on Friday nights? 8. Whether ever he had any Losses or no? If the *Querent* answer, that he is a very good Husband, never had any Losses, but that he still thriv'd, and laid up store of Money every Year; then may the Astrologer give Judgment, that in prospect of time he may grow very rich, and be able to keep a Country house at Colbrook, Kensington, or any place near the City. But if the *Querent* confess that he is a Spendthrift, a frequent Visitor of Gaming-houses, and a Rejoycer at the Sound of Nine-Pins; if he keeps a Whore, and loves to hear the Rattling of Dice; if he have the Art of being bound for other men, and paying their Debts; then saith *Alhamares*, O Astrologer, who'st thou art, doubt not to prognosticate the Ruin of that Man, for it will certainly come to pass.

*In very little time to Beggars State,*

*Certain as the unchang'd Edicts of Fate.*

*To know whether thou shalt live long or no.*

**T**O do this, examine the Constitution of thy Body; and if thou findest thy self to be of a sound Constitution; if thy Blood be not in Combustion by reason of the Heat of a Fever; if Quartan Agues be not in Conjunction with Consumption; if the Plague nor any other mortal Disease do  
not

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not search thee away before thou art fourscore and fifteen Years old; if thou keepest thy self free from the Pox; if thy Brains be not knock'd out for quarrelling in Taverns and Gaming Houses; and lastly, if thou dost not drink thy self to Death, then may the Astrologer give a shrewd Guess that the *Querent* is long-liv'd. This is a sure way to resolve Questions.

However, if the *Querent* be dangerously sick, I would not have an Astrologer to pronounce Death rashly, for that sometimes many Men and Women that are given over by the Physicians, do afterward recover: Now if an Astrologer should say the Party should die, and that it should happen that he or she should recover, it would be a very great Blame to his Art.

*And therfore have a care what you do say.*

*Safe him, sure find, is always the best way.*

*Whether one absent be dead or alive?*

**I**F the *Querent* hath a Friend in any far distant Country, and desires to know whether he be dead or alive, let him stay till he either comes home again, or till he receives a Letter from him: now if he comes home again, and that the said *Querent* see his Friend walk, and hears him talk, and if after he hath asked him how he does, he replies he is in good Health; then *Jupiter* being Lord of the Ascendant, he may be sure his Friend is not dead, but living. But if he do not come home, or that any Body comes from him, or sends a Letter to the *Querent*, ascertaining that he saw his Friend laid in his Grave, then *Saturn* being robust with *Mercur*, 'tis most probable that he is dead; and the *Querent* may believe it if he please, and take out Letters of Administration, if he will not, he may let it alone.

*And thus he hath his choice, as you may see;*

*Do, or do not, it is all one to me.*

*To procure Love of a young Damsel or Fugle; or, if need be, of an Old Woman or Widow.*

**T**AKE of 3 Tons of Sartin or Tabbie Green, Sky-colour, and Red, of each as much as is sufficient; let them be made up into three Gowns by the hand of a skilful VVorkman, and spread upon them 160 Ounces of Gold and Silver Lace, and

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to all this, 20 Yards of the richest Flanders Lace, 25 Ounces of orient Pearl made up into Necklaces, with half a dozen fair Diamond Rings: Give a young Virgin this to take Morning and Evening, together with a good Joynture of seven or eight hundred pounds a Year, to dispose of as she list; and tho she were coy and disdainful before, thou shalt find her blind to alter in a moment, and be as pleasant as a Spanish Leather Glove. When thou hast gained her, thou must continue to apply the first part of this Receipt once a Quarter at least; for many Women, like aking Bellicen, are to be plied with good warm Cloaths to prevent all melancholy and sullen Diseases.

*This is a Medicine will be sure to do  
Much with the young ones, and the old ones too.*

*To scour the Parts, and expel Wind.*

**T**ake Gunpowder and Soap Suds, and mix them together, and make thereof little Pellets or Pills, and dry them in the Sun, then take thereof some 3 or 4 in a Morning fasting. There's nothing like 'em; for the one is a great Cleanser, and the other a great Dissipater. Through the Use of this Receipt, Women may eat all sorts of windy Fruits, and be never a jot the worse; they may also eat dirty Plants, and the Dirt shall never stick by their Ribs.

*These two Receipts which here I do you shew,  
Ther's very few Physicians do them know.*

## Of a strange Pagode or Idol in the East-Indies.

**L**adovius Vertamnes, an Author of good Credit, reports, that in the Kingdom of Calicut in the East-Indies, the King thereof hath in the Chapel of his Palace an Image called *Diano*, carved full of Devils, and in the midst sitteth this Image of Metal in a Throne of the same Matter, with a Triple Crown like the Pope's, and four Horns, with Teeth, Eyes, and Mouth wide and terrible, hooked Hands, and Feet like a Cock. In each Corner of this square Chapel is a Devil set in a serry Throne, wherein are many Souls, the Devil putting one with his right hand into his Mouth, and sucking another from under him with his left hand out of his Fundament.

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Those ignorant Persons their Devotions do;  
More senselss than the Stones they bow unto.

### Conceited Experiments.

**T**ake the Tops of Nettles when they begin to come  
the Seed, and dry them; being so dried, give  
of the same with Bran and Hemp-seed to your Hens, and  
will lay all Winter long.

*To make Beans grow in the space of an hour.*

**T**ake the Beans and put them in hot Oyl, and let  
them remain for the space of 11 days, and shake  
them; and when you will make Proof of them, set the  
and by the space of such time as a Man may handsomely  
a Dinner, you shall find them grown well nigh a Span long.

*To know whether a Woman be with a Woman*

*Child or a Man-Child.*

**T**ake a Dish and put VWater into it, then let her wash  
her Breasts into it; and if it be a Man Child it will float,  
not, it will sink.

*To turn Water into Wine.*

**T**ake a Loaf of Earley Bread, hot drawn out of the Oven  
and broken into great pieces hot, and lay them to  
in good Wine, then dry them in the Sun, and after  
that Bread in faire VWater, and it will receive both the Colour  
and Taste of the VVine.

*And now, kind Reader, for this Year I've done,*

*Hoping thereby thy Praises I have won:*

*If any's Almanack's better than mine is,*

*I'll say no more, but stop my Mouth with* FINIS

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